

I am writing in regard to NAB's petition 04-160. Having been following this issue, I urge you to REJECT this petition. If the satellite radio providers were providing services that were only broadcast to regional areas, the NAB's argument that satellite providers are violating their license may have some merit. However, broadcasting the same signal nationally, even though it may contain some stations that have regional content, I do not feel that the satellite radio providers are violating their license. Actually the ability to have traffic/weather stations for major metropolitan areas available on satellite radio benefits the consumer who may commute, or travel and rent a car equipped with such service, by knowing ahead of time which station has the information, instead of trying to guess which local AM/FM station is broadcasting that information in that area. I also support the satellite radio industry having the ability to compete with AM/FM stations on a national and regional level as the NAB owners have monopolized and restricted radio programming content to the extent that changes are in order. Musicians and consumers have been hurt by the consolidation of these radio stations over the last few years. Again I urge you to REJECT NAB petition 04-160. Thank you.